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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

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U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/035832.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 3-009194. An English-language abstract of this document is attached.

European Patent Publication No. 0 391 320.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 37 07 803.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

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